THE TRIVANDRUM CITY MUNICIPAL BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I beg to move that Mr. N. Kesava Panickar be added to the Select Committee appointed to consider the Trivandrum City Municipal Bill. Mr. C V. Kunjuraman was a member of the Select Committe. He has since resigned his seat in the Assembly. I am therefore moving that Mr. Kesava Panickar be added to the Select Committee.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I second it.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Sir, I beg to move an amendment to this motion. I would have opposed this motion on principle, but for three reasons. The main one is the personal consideration and regard for the gentleman whose name is mentioned in the motion. My second consideration for not opposing this motion is that, if I oppose it, I fear the opposition may seem to be as silly as the motion itself.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does the member mean that it is silly or it seems to be silly?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Sir, I mean it seems to me to be silly. The third reason for not opposing it is that the motion left to itself is a harmless one. Sir, when Bills are referred to Select Committees, the movers of the Bills propose certain names without any thought and in a haphazard manner and no principle of discretion is made use of in the choice. In regard to the City Municipal Bill and District Municipalities Bill, I pretty well remember that the Select Committees are larger than other Committees, the former having fifteen and the latter sixteen members. Now, Sir, I would have gladly accepted this motion if the selection of a particular individual having ripe Municipal experience or who would have been exceptionally useful were not available then, but has become so now.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Before you proceed further, let me make this correction. If at the time the names were proposed for the Select Committee, you proposed there be only 10 instead of 15 or 16 members, it would have been right. Now the House has committed itself by accepting a specific number. One of those persons has since resigned. So it would be wrong if the Select Committee is not full. He is merely filling up a vacancy. When the House has accepted that there should be a certain number of members on the Select Committee, not to fill up a vacancy is wrong. I wanted to put this to you.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): It is only by chance that, in the Select Committee for the consideration of the District Municipalities Bill and the Trivandrum City Municipal Bill, 15 and 16 members have been suggested. No definite principle has been laid down for nominating members to the Select Committee and no definite number was prescribed in the formation of the committee. If emergencies arise and if they are peculiar and if it is found that the views of a particular member are of immense value and only if such an emergency has arisen can we understand the reason for and justify the selection of a particular member for the Select Committee.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am not prepared to allow you to continue in that strain.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I have moved an amendment and in the course of discussion —

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are at liberty to move any amendment. The fact that a particular gentleman is of immense value in the Select Committee and expressions like that, I must rule out of order. For, it is not in keeping with what we have been doing here. If you have independent considerations, you may proceed with the matter.

MR. K. R ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): The Law Member has come forward with a proposal that a particular member be substituted for the vacancy that has arisen. As for that matter, there is no vacancy, because there is no limitation in the number of members in the select committee and the membership of every one of the members of this House will be valuable. What I mean is, when considering a particular Bill such as the Municipal Bill, if the member has greater municipal experience and is specially qualified to deal with the subject more than anyone else, then I can understand the Law Member suggesting the nomination of such a man. My amendment now is that two more persons may be nominated, who are expected to deal with the subject in view of the fact that they had occasions to deal with municipal affairs.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is it the member's opinion that in the Select Committee there should not be the principle of communal representation adopted?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That question need not be answered because the Law member has not accepted the principle of communal representation or any such representation. All that the Law Member wants is that a certain gentleman may be appointed to the Select Committee on the Trivandrum City Municipal Bill.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): A word of explanation. Mr. C. V. Kunjuraman is an Ezhava and Mr. Kesava Panickar belongs to the same community. When that name was suggested, it struck me like that. That is the explanation that I offer in this connection.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): The point I am at is, that persons who have got some experience of Municipal affairs may be included in the Committee. Therefore I propose two other names also, *viz.*, Messrs. V. K. Velappan Nair and Ulloor S. Parameswara Aiyar.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Mr. Elenkath has not given notice of any amendment as regards this matter. That apart, my motion is to appoint Mr. So-and-so as a member of the Select Committee. To say that Messrs. So-and-so be appointed, as, for instance, to substitute A or B or C or D is not an amendment to that motion. The suggestion of Mr. Elenkath is beyond the scope of my motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Objection taken to the amendment being belated, in exercise of the powers vested in the Chair, I would allow Mr. Elenkath to make the motion. Only personalities will kindly be excluded.

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MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I suggest Rao Sahib S. Parameswara Aiyar because of his wide experience as a District Magistrate and also Mr. Velappan Nair because of his experience in municipal affairs.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): My point is that the amendment now proposed by Mr. Elenkath is beyond the scope of my motion. On this point no ruling has been given.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is the member at liberty to question the ruling of the Chair?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The Law Member is speaking on the merits of the proposition. To me it appears that, when a name is proposed to be added to the list of members of the select Committee, the question is whether any addition of names is possible. If there is any rule against it, the Law member will please bring it to my notice.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): At the moment I think I can quote one precedent, *viz.*, the motion in a recent meeting regarding the Committee on the Life Assurance Bill. I can understand, when a Committee is constituted, the suggestion of additional member is made. Now the motion before the House is that a specific member be added to the Select Committee. The question whether he is a fit man or not, whether any condition should be attached to him, are all the questions that can arise. To suggest that some other members should be put into the Committee is beyond the scope of the motion made today. And Mr. Elenkath has not given notice.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: So technically Mr. Elenkath is not in order?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): If there is a special permission from the Chair, the objection as to want of notice can be waived.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: So the Chair has not that power ordinarily?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The Chair can exercise special powers in regard to want of notice.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): I have one doubt. If that one gentleman shall be nominated is a motion, is not an amendment, that he shall not be so nominated, also a motion?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The matter is not free from difficulties. I rested on one ground. That is when a vacancy arises, that should be filled up and that is that one name should be substituted for another.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): That is not a vacancy.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: When I am on my legs, I think the member will not attempt to secure possession of the House. Mr. Elenkath wants to add two more names. I think the question is really a difficult one. The Law Member opposes the amendment. Mr. Elenkath seems to be of the view that it is quite legitimate for him to press it, and neither side is able to place any authority before me.

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MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : With the permission of the Chair, I shall solve the difficulty. I am prepared to accept the names suggested by Mr. Elenkath and put them into my motion. If the Chair will permit me, I will make a modified motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : When Mr. Elenkath was in possession of the House, he developed an argument to nominate two more persons besides Mr. Kesava Panicker. Seeing the drift of that, if the Law Member thinks that the names proposed by Mr. Elenkath may also be adopted by himself, I believe there will be no special virtue in Mr. Elenkath moving an independent proposition.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : If the Law Member has yielded, I have no objection.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : If the House is agreeable, the Law Member is prepared to modify his original motion.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Sir, the question that has to be decided is whether, in the place of Mr. Kunjuraman who has resigned, Mr. Panicker can be put in.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : That is not the motion.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : That is what I understood the Law Member to say.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The motion is that Mr. Kesava Panicker be appointed to thet Select Committee on the Trivandrum City Municipal Bill.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : So I will take it that Mr. Panicker be added in the place of Mr. C. V. Kunjuraman.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The motion is that Mr. Kesava Panicker be added to the Select Committee on the Trivandrum City Municipal Bill. Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai now says that, if the Chair would permit him, he will add two more names proposed by Mr. Elenkath. We have to do business. If there are rules preventing us from doing so, let us defer to that. But if the rules do not prevent us—and I suppose they do not—the question before the House is whether the House will permit Mr. Elenkath to withdraw, —I cannot say withdraw—but desist from proceeding further.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : I have already made a motion, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Your motion is only a motion in embryo. It has not taken shape. The member was going to make a motion, and was saying something about it ; therefore it is no motion. Since the Law Member has expressed his willingness to add the names proposed by Mr. Elenkath, there is no question of withdrawal by Mr. Elenkath.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : But there is an amendment which the Law Member says he has accepted.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That is no amendment. The amendment in law is one which is proposed and seconded. No doubt Mr. Elenkath got up, made a speech, rather part of a speech, and before he finished it, the Law Member said that he would accept these two names. I therefore declare that it is no amendment strictly. Mr. Elenkath has expressed his willingness to desist from saying any further. It is for the House to allow Mr. Parameswaran Pillai to amend his original motion. The question is whether Mr. Parameswaran Pillai is prepared to do it.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Even without notice, Mr. Parameswaran Pillai himself can amend it?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT ; That rests with the discretion of the Chair.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : I wish to offer a word of personal explanation. When I was speaking on the motion, things took place in such a way that there was no occasion for any one to second it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT ; That is a belated explanation. I have sufficiently vindicated Mr. Elenkath's conduct and I have shown that the views propounded by him are honourable and sound.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I beg to move that Messrs. Parameswara Aiyar, Velappan Nair and Mr. Kesava Panicker be added to the Select Committee on the Trivandrum City Municipal Bill.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I second it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know the principle involved in these nominations?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : It is quite open to the Law Member to suggest names without enunciating a principle.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I would like to know for my information what the principle is.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The principle is that, because Mr. Elenkath wants those two names, I am prepared to accommodate him.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. A motion was raised here that the names of Mr. So-and-so be included in the Select Committee. Unless and until that motion is withdrawn, I think an amendment for the same cannot arise.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : An objection being taken.—

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. The member is speaking in English.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : I can speak in Malayalam also.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: May I know what the member's point is?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla II*) : There was a motion printed in today's agenda, and, that is, that Mr. Kesava Panicker be added as a member to sit on the Select Committee for the consideration of the Trivandrum City Municipal Bill. It appears that the mover of that motion has put in an amendment to that motion. Can such an amendment stand unless the original motion is withdrawn?

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The member does not seem to have understood the situation correctly. Anyhow there was a motion. Now it is a modified motion. So the question of technical amendments does not arise. Mr. Parameswaran Pillai has accepted the suggestion. He is perfectly in order.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : Sir, I oppose the motion. The Law Member has placed before this House a motion to add the name of Mr. Kesava Panickar to serve on the Select Committee. He has also explained that he was put to this necessity because of the resignation of Mr. C. V. Kunjuraman. My friend Mr. Elenkath wanted to move an amendment and he was saying that it does not matter whether Mr. Kesava Panickar is added to the Select Committee or not. He seems to be indifferent. Of course, I may say that his speech reminds me of some speech delivered—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : All that is beyond the point. We are at a further stage.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : The Law Member was agreeable to the suggestion to add the names of Messrs. Oolloor S. Parameswara Aiyar. and V. K. Velappan Nair moved by Mr. Elenkath. The fact that Mr. Parameswara Aiyar was a District Magistrate and is a man who has some experience in regard to Municipal matters is too well known to the House. Mr. Elenkath is also aware of the fact that Mr. Velappan Nair is a man who has also some experience of Municipal affairs. These things were known when the members were elected to the original Committee and these names could have been mentioned then. But if this procedure is to be accepted next time also, another member may probably say that there are two more members to be added to the Select Committee. This will be going on *ad infinitum*. There should be a finality for all things.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know from the member whether he is aware of the fact that there is some principle behind the suggestion of Mr. Elenkath ?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : Yes. I am aware he has an object. So I strongly oppose the motion before the House.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I say a word of personal explanation? I am not very particular that these persons should be added on to the Select Committee.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Elenkath being very particular or otherwise does not arise. The matter is now beyond Mr. Elenkath. So no explanation is necessary at this stage.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : I oppose the motion for another reason. There is no provision, so far as the Standing Orders are concerned, which enables the Law Member to move that any particular person or persons may be added to the Select Committee by the resignation of another member. The only Standing Order which deals

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with this point is Standing Order No. 37. In Page 34 Standing Order No. 94 Para 5 says :—

"The Chairman of a Select Committee shall have power to report to the Dewan the name of any member of the Select Committee who neglects or is unable to attend its sittings, or, by death, resignation or otherwise, ceases to be a member of the Committee; and the Dewan may, in such cases (whether there be a report or not) appoint out of the members of the Assembly an additional member to the Committee".

So the Law Member is not in order. There is no provision in the Standing Orders for the Law Member to suggest any names to serve on the Committee at this stage. So my submission is that, on this ground, this motion is not in order.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : I support Mr. Sambasiva Aiyar's opinion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The point of view was not placed before the House in time. Anyhow Mr. Sambasiva Aiyar's point is worth considering. Mr. Nilakanta Pillai was made a member of the Select Committee by this House after considerable discussion. There is that principle that this House has accepted. There is a rule to the contrary. It therefore becomes a very difficult question as to what we should do. I do not want to commit this House to any course which is not absolutely justified by law or precedent. I therefore propose to invite the opinion of the members of the House on this motion before I give a ruling.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Sir, it appears to me there is considerable force in the objection raised by Mr. Sambasiva Aiyar. Rule 94 says ;—

"The Chairman of a Select Committee shall have power to report to the Dewan the name of any member of the Select Committee who neglects....."

"and the Dewan may, in such cases, (whether there is a report or not) appoint out of the members of the Assembly an additional member to the Committee."

There is a vacancy. The Chairman of the Select Committee has to report to the Dewan about the vacancy, it being due to resignation. A vacancy has been created and it is open to the Dewan to appoint another person. Ordinarily the matter will have to be reported to the Dewan, if the Dewan is unaware of the vacancy. It is the Dewan and not the President. The Dewan is at liberty to nominate a member out of the members of the Assembly to fill up the vacancy with or without any report. There is only one vacancy. The Rules say that "a member" may be appointed in the particular vacancy. Taking advantage of the breach that has been brought about by the resignation of Mr. C. V. Kunjuraman, it is not possible for a number of persons to pass throught that breach into the Select Committee. That is one point

The Select Committee having been formed, the authority to nominate a new member to the Select Committee lies with the Dewan. As the Chair has been pointing out, no doubt we have appointed Mr. Nilakanta Pillai just now. The matter was not considered at all then. Nobody objected to the appointment of Mr. Nilakanta Pillai

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[Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.]

in place of Mr. Krishnaswamy Aiyar. That precedent would not avail since it is opposed to the rules. That error cannot be taken advantage of to commit another mistake. So I have very great pleasure to suppport the arguments of Mr. R. Sambasiva Aiyar.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I call the attention of the member to page 32, Standing Order 90, sub-clause (2)?

"The other members of the Committee shall be named by the Assembly when the motion that the Bill be referred is made, or at any subsequent sitting."

I wish to know whether that Section has been taken notice of by the member.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): With reference to that, what I have to say is that this specific case of resignation has been dealt with on page 34. A specific rule would yield to a general rule; further the rule pointed out relates to the formation of the select committee, not to vacancies in it.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I suggest that I propose not to serve on the Committee?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT Mr. Parameswara Aiyar may mention that to the House later. At this stage, he has no right to do that.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Since the point has been raised, I shall answer it. I would, however, in the first place, say that I am very sorry that I took up so much time of the House while various members are waiting to move their demands. I thought that this would take only a few minutes. If I had known that such a long time would have been required, I would have postponed it to another day. Sir, I am prepared to concede the assertion that the Dewan may appoint a member. The fact that the Dewan may appoint a member does not mean that the Assembly has not the power to add any number of members to the Committee. As Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai pointed out, the other members of the Committee are to be named by the Assembly when the motion that the Bill be referred is made, or they may be named at any subsequent sitting. I thought that is the practice in other chambers too; I thought that I will be showing consideration and respect to the House, if I take its assent to add a member. If the House is not desirous of it, the motion may be thrown out and I shall apply to the Dewan to nominate a member. I only wish that the House will vote one way or the other on the motion. If it comes to that, I shall of course apply to the Dewan. I am rather anxious that the motion should be disposed of one way or the other speedily, so that time may not be lost to the members who have to move their motions.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Considerable difficulty arises out of this question. There is a precedent which has not existed for a sufficient time. To solidify the view the Law Member says that on previous occasions such things have been done. But no member of the House

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has been able to lay his finger on the particular ruling orthe particular precedent. The Rules, so far as I have been able to understand them, make the difficulty still greater, for, when the Chairman of the Select Committee informs the Dewan that there is a vacancy in the Select Committee, the Dewan may fill up that vacancy. The other Section relied on by Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai is on page 32, Rule 90 Sub clause (2).

"90. (1) The Official member in charge of the department to which the Bill relates if he.....

(2) The other members of the Committee shall be named by the Assembly when the motion that the Bill be referred is made, or at any subsequent sitting."

'The other members" is in contra-distinction to the official member or the member in charge of the Bill. It does not apply to cases in which an addition has to be made to the list. I am glad that I was able to point out from the very beginning that there was difficulty and I invited the members, who have any view, to refer to authorities on the point. No such authority has been forthcoming. The Law Member is anxious to get through his business and I would congratulate him. But the point having arisen I do not want to fight shy of giving a considered ruling.

First principles alone will not be adequate; and because I do not get sufficient help in this matter ; of course, each side has its own view. I am unable to give a ruling which would satisfy myself, at any rate. I do not think therefore the matter may be disposed of unless the House is of the opinion that, whatever may be my views on the subject, my judgment being suspended, even though the House may have the authority. I leave it to the House.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether a point of order can be settled by a vote of the House? It ought to be decided by a ruling from the Chair.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): This is a matter which we would like to consider because it is a matter which would affect the right of the House.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am very jealous of the powers of the Assembly. At the same time, I do not want this House to usurp the powers which they have not. Deliberation is therefore essential.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): In my opinion there is absolutely no difficulty in the matter. Section 94 clause (5) deals with the powers of the Chairman of the Select Committee to make a report to the Dewan and the power of the Dewan to appoint another member. The words "report and appoint" are very significant. But as was pointed out by Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai, Section 90 clause (2) deals with the power of the Assembly to nominate the members of the Committee. So both are different and in the words "at any subsequent meeting", there is much force. There the Dewan may appoint, out of the members of the Assembly, an additional member to the Committee. Therefore Section 94 (5) deals with the powers of the Dewan to appoint.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : But they are at two different stages.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : But there is the provision here that "at any subsequent sitting the other members of the Committee shall be named by the Assembly." And here the Assembly is doing business.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Your explanation has not taken me any farther than where I was.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : May I know whether any member was appointed in a similar case on any previous occasion ?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : There was not this Legislative Reforms Regulation then.

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : I have a word Clause (5) of Article 94 of the Manual does not seem to take away the right of the House. That is enacted, in my view, with this object. When a Select Committee has been appointed and been doing work and if any member is found unable to attend or ceases to be a member by death or some other cause and the Committee wants to proceed with the work, the Dewan may nominate one of the members of the House. That seems to be the reason why that rule is enacted. That does not seem to take away the right of the House to name or to nominate any member of the House at any subsequent stage. That aspect of the matter may also be considered.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : I also wish to make a statement.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I am very thankful for all those suggestions.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : The question under discussion now is whether it is Standing Order 35 or Standing Order 37 that applies to the case. It has come to that. Now the Dewan's power to appoint an additional member in certain contingencies is referred to in Standing Order 37. That is given on page 34 of the Manual and the marginal notes will show that Standing Order 37 refers to the quorum of Select Committees and Joint Committees. I will not claim that as an authority. But, Sir, the motion that is now brought forward by the member in charge relates to the constitution of the Select Committee. A Select Committee has been constituted and now of course it is one member short. The member in charge wants to make a full Committee and to have a substitute.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT He wants to make a fuller Committee.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) This is a question that relates to the constitution of Select Committees and that is governed by Standing Order 35 and not by Standing Order 37. That is given at page 32 of the Manual. Under Standing Order 35 clause (2) under Section 90 of the Manual, "the other members of the Committee shall be named by the Assembly when the motion that the Bill be referred is made, or at any subsequent sitting ".

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: As at present advised, I am not able to accept that reasoning. So I shall take time to consider and give a ruling to-morrow.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) So I now formally move my other motion too and both may be considered together and a ruling given.

Sir I, move that Mr. N. Kesava Panicker be added as a member to the Select Committee appointed to consider the Travancore District Municipalities Bill.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I second it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): There is already one motion and that has not been disposed of. How can the member go to the next motion?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): That motion stands over. Now I make another motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We are at present at the City Municipal Bill and I think it would not be in order to consider another motion on the District Municipalities Bill.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I think that both motions may be considered by you together. Sir, anyhow I have made the motion and it has been seconded.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: No. Having disposed of this, we shall consider the other. We will now proceed to the next business.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) That is all the business that I want to bring up to-day.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The Law Member is apologetic for having taken some little time but it is unavoidable. Disputes of various kinds had to be entertained so that no apology is required. The Law Member in good faith thought that he will be able to finish.

The House will now proceed to the Demands for supplementary grants. The House agrees, I suppose?

DEMAND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS—(*contd.*)

Co-operative Department.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 10,556 for the reorganisation of the Co-operative Department.

Sir, successive Registrars have in their annual reports deplored about the inadequacy and insufficiency of the executive staff of the Co-operative Department. This deficiency was well appreciated by the Devadhar Committee and that Committee has made detailed and elaborate recommendations for the reorganisation of the Department. The recommendations have already engaged the serious consideration of this House. Pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee, the present proposals for the reorganisation are placed before this House for their approval.

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